

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2013  
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Stone  
Debra Drewry  
Michael Hoagland  
Rebecca Hensley  
Faron Blakeman

**OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Angela Evans, Board Attorney

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Greg Osetinsky, M.D.  
Gerry Gordon-Brown  
Peter Pearlman  
Lisa Nelson Brown

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hoagland called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 7, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for June, July and fiscal year 2013 were reviewed by the Board.

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT**

O&P news was reviewed and discussed, including an introduction of the new Executive Director for the Office of Occupations and Professions, Matt Osborne, who detailed the Pension Reform Bill which passed during the 2013 Regular Session and is now in effect. Mr. Osborne informed the Board that this should be a very minimal issue for the licensing boards of O&P. The new IT staff member of O&P, Justin Turner, introduced himself and discussed the progress being made by COT in regards to the new database creation and implementation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Initial Licensure Fee Payment Deadline - Ms. Evans drafted the language of mandatory payment of licensure fee within 30 days of passing all portions of the state and the national exam. Mr. Stone motioned to have this language added to the Board's regulations. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Evans will follow up with LRC for correct processing of this motion.

Board member visits and/or phone calls to HIS apprentices and their sponsors – Ms. Drewry has devised a call schedule and language script for the Board to begin calling all active apprentices and their sponsors, at their place of business, for a phone interview regarding the apprentice and their current stage of practice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Jarboe provided the Board members with an updated Board member roster, including Mr. Osborne, the new Executive Director for O&P.

Ms. Jarboe asked that the Board members establish a deadline for applications submitted for approval to sit for the national and state exams. Mr. Stone motioned for all applications postmarked 30 days prior to a Board meeting to be considered for testing on the soonest date of testing available. Due to administrative processing time, applications postmarked less than 30 days in advance of a Board meeting, if approved, would be eligible for the following exam date, approximately 4 months out,. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board received written correspondence requesting a waiver of completing the required 1 year apprenticeship in lieu of significant experience in the industry of hearing instruments. All Board members concurred that, within the law, the only exception to completing an apprenticeship for licensure is for an applicant who holds a master's degree in audiology. There are no exceptions pertaining to experience.

The Board also received correspondence from a licensee detailing the great hardship it will be for that licensee to complete 5 hours of continuing education in person. The Board discussed this correspondence and deemed, within the law, there are not any exceptions to completing at least 5 hours of continuing education in person each year.

The next exams are scheduled in December 2013. Since the HIS exam will be given manually, there will be a full day of exams on December 6, 2013. The Board meeting will be the day before, on December 5, 2013.

### **COMPLAINTS**

The complaint committee made the following recommendations:

2013-01 – request additional information again  
2013-05 A&B – dismiss  
2013-06 – dismiss

Mr. Stone made a motion that the committee recommendations be accepted. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Complaint 2012-12, court case 12-KBHI-0410 is still ongoing.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Stone motioned to approve the recommendations of the application committee, Ms. Hensley seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The following applications were approved:

- Samantha Head - Approved to sit for exams 12/6/13
- Donna Helmondollar- Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Emma Lackey
- Mackenzie Kline - Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13
- Andy Peery – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Marsha Mattingly
- Heather Reneau – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Harold Strange
- William Smith – Approved to sit for exams 8/9/13

Tammie Haney submitted an application to renew her apprenticeship under new sponsorship of Becky Hensley. Ms. Hensley left the room for any discussion and voting of the application for Ms. Haney. Ms. Haney's apprentice permit expired 9/27/12. Mr. Blakeman motioned to renew her apprenticeship, in stage II, with an expiration of 9/27/13. Ms. Drewry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jane McNeeley submitted a request to change her sponsor from William Schoening to Jim Parrigan. Mr. Blakeman recused himself from the room and for discussion and voting on this request. Mr. Stone motioned to defer this request until the next Board meeting, and after Ms. McNeeley's exams scores will be available to the Board, as this request may be invalid if Ms. McNeeley passes all portions of the exams. Ms. Drewry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The education committee recommended the following programs be denied, as they were submitted less than 60 days in advance of the date of the course.

- The Latest in Digital Technology from Miracle-Ear

- Resistance to Acceptance: The Path to Better Hearing

Mr. Blakeman motioned to accept the recommendations of the education committee. Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Mr. Blakeman made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stone. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Hoagland reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2013. The complaint committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, Ms. Hensley made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 5:05p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Drewry. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by  
Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator  
August 22, 2013